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At page 22, lines 12-15:

Figure 5:

is an illustration of the nucleotide sequences of the 5" RACE primers (SEQ ID

NOs:14-17) used to identify the 5' end of the VEGF-X open reading frame.

At page 22, lines 32-34:

Figure 10:

is an illustration of the predicted amino acid sequence (SEQ ID NO:2) of the

nucleotide sequence of Figure 9. SEQ ID NO:1 is amino acids 23-345 of SEQ ID

NO:2.

At page 53, lines 19-33:

Sequence ID No 14

corresponds to the polynucleotide sequence of VEGFX11

illustrated in Figure 5.

Sequence ID No 15

corresponds to the polynucleotide sequence of VEGFX12

illustrated in Figure 5.

Sequence ID No 16

corresponds to the polynucleotide sequence of VEGFX13

illustrated in Figure 5.

Sequence ID No 17

corresponds to the polynucleotide sequence of VEGFX14

illustrated in Figure 5.

In the Claims

Please cancel claim 14, without prejudice.

Please amend the claims as follows:

1.(amended) An isolated nucleic acid molecule encoding a VEGF-X protein, said protein comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:1 or SEQ ID NO:2, or an amino acid sequence that is at least 70% hamologous to SEQ ID NO:1 or SEQ ID NO:2.